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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/521,442

Filing Date: March 7, 2000

First Named Inventor: Gopinthan K. Menon

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner Name: Di Nola Baron, L.

Attorney Docket Number: 680.0035USU

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

- i. _____ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. _____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. _____ Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. _____ Preliminary Amendment
- ii. _____ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. _____ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. _____ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. XXXXX Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. _____ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. XXXXX The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. The filing fee will be paid by the enclosed check.

- i. XXXXX RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ii. XXXXX Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. XXXXX Other Suspension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(j))

b. XXXXX Check in the amount of \$1,230.00 is enclosed for the (\$710.00) filing fee and (\$130.00) Suspension of Time fee and the (\$390.00) two-month extension of time fee;

c. _____ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

August 2, 2001
Date of Signature

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